

## Insurance

**THE MEIJI FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED,  
OF TOKYO.**

**THE AGENCY of the above-named  
Company having this Day been  
TRANSFERRED to the Under-signed, they are  
now prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against  
FIRE at Current Rates.**

*For the MEIJI BURNING KAMBA;  
K. FUKUI  
Manager.*

**Hongkong, July 2, 1894.** **118**

**Shipping.**

**Steamers.**

**FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE**

**The Steamship**  
**Lewins.**  
Capt. F. von RUMER, will  
be despatched for the  
above Ports on **MONDAY, the 19th Inst**  
at 4 p.m.

**CLARK & CO.**

This Steamer has superior Accommoda-  
tion for Passengers, and is  
equipped with a Surge Engine,  
and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**STEWART & CO.,**

Hongkong, July 12, 1894. 11

**THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**FOR MANILA DIRECT.**

The Co.'s Steamship  
*Manila*  
Captain TAYLOR, will  
leave for Manila on Monday  
Port on MONDAY, the 16th inst. at  
5 p.m.


This steamer has superior accommodations  
for passengers, and is fitted with  
Electric Lights.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**SHAW & CO.,**  
General Managers.

Hongkong, July 13, 1894. 11

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND  
CALCUTTA.

 The Co.'s Steamship  
Capt. P. A. DE BRASCO  
will be despatched  
above on WEDNESDAY, the 15th Inst.  
at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
General Managers.

Hongkong, July 13, 1894.

FOR SINGAPORE, PAYRE AND  
HAMBURG.

(Calling at NAPLES for landing Passen-  
gers, if sufficient inducements offer.)  
(Taking Cargo at Brough rather than  
ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTER-  
DAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON,  
LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN.)

The Steamship  
*Africa*,  
Capt. C. F. FENNELL,  
will be dispatched for  
above Ports on FRIDAY, the 20th Inst  
at 4 p.m.  
The steamer has superior Accommo-  
dation for First and Second Class Passen-  
gers and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**SIEMSEN & CO.**  
*Agents.*  
Hongkong, July 10, 1894.


**SHELL LINE OF STEAMERS.**  
FOR HAVRE AND LONDON.  
(Taking Cargo at through rates to CON-  
TINENTAL PORTS, GLASGOW,  
LIVERPOOL & NEW YORK.)

The Co.'s Steamship  
*Bulwound*,  
Capt. T. G. SCOTT,  
will be dispatched as above  
on or about the 20th inst.

For Freight, apply to  
**ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.**  
*Agents.*  
Hongkong, July 12, 1894.

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY**

FOR LONDON P.L.A. SUEZ CANAL

 The Co's Steamship  
*Palmyra*,  
Captain JACKSON, will  
be despatched as above  
SUNDAY, the 22nd instant, at Daylight

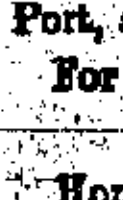
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE**  
*Agents.*


Hongkong, July 2, 1894.

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**Sailing Vessels.**

FOR NEW YORK.  
The 100 A.T. British Ship

 **Biden Hill,**  
shortly expected from **Swatow**,  
will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
**SHEWAN & CO.**  
**Hongkong, May 25, 1894.**

 **The S/S L.F. Amant. Bay**  
**Paramita,**  
**Souza, Master,** will load  
for the above Port, and  
have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
**SHEWAN & CO.**  
**Hongkong, June 18, 1894.**

**FOB SAN FRANCISCO.**  
**The 100 A.L. British Bark**  
**Sibbarna,**  
**Greke, Master,** will load  
for the above Port, and  
have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
**SHEWAN & CO.**  
**Hongkong, June 18, 1894.**



### Vessels Advertised as Loading.

## The China Mail

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1894.

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The *Statesman*, on 24th June, published a leading article on the employment of British soldiers on sanitary work in Hongkong. Our Indian contemporary

was very wrath over the subject, and he shows an amount of pessimism worthy of a follower of Schopenhauer. It will be comforting to our contemporaries, who has no doubt whatever of the 'extreme impropriety' of allowing soldiers to engage in sanitary work.

at the conduct of the military authorities has not led to the wholesale spread of the disease among the troops. The battalion supplying most of the workers has suffered the loss of two men only, a loss which the whole community deplures, and the 'gruesome

blamed for a large increase in the rate of mortality among the British soldiers. Working itself into a wild frenzy, our contemporary continues the proceeding, from whatever point

view we may look at it, whether from that of justice and humanity to the men themselves, or from that of the safety of the Colony; or, again, from that of the interests of the army as a whole, or from that of military discipline, or from the lower point of view

innance, seems equally extraordinary and reprehensible. Soldiers are enlisted to do a certain work, viz., to fight their country's enemies, and, in certain cases of emergency, to assist the Civil authorities in preserving the peace. This work which Heaven knows, entails on them a certain task, high enough

those who undertake it risk, though life and person, without superadding a no less deadly and far more terrible risk, which is not part of the bargain; and though military discipline requires the soldier to obey implicitly the orders of those in command over him, as these in the Chonabira Regiment seem

to have done without question  
position, this merely makes it  
be more unjust, and cruel, to ex-  
pose him to dangers which it is un-  
part of his proper duty to fac-  
tore, the *Statesman* is altogether  
when it supposes that the men

the Shropshire Regiment were ordered to engage in this work—no 'flat' was issued ordering them to take part in this 'deadly service.' Therefore, the discipline of the Regiment was not at moment in danger. The officer in command was not likely to be called

upon to court-martial any of his men, since they were all volunteers. 'To be credited of the men be it said,' says the *Statesman*, 'that though they must have known full well the danger they were called upon to face yet they set upon their terrible mission without

Thomas Atkins, we fancy, will laugh at this. We have not heard that any of the Shropshires felt particularly aggrieved because he had an opportunity to volunteer for this work—or, as

contemporary puts it, 'to set out upon their terrible mission.' The soldiers were paid as well as the impoverished Colony could pay them, and while every precaution was taken to preserve the health of the men detailed for this special work, and we have no desire to minimise the disagreeable nature of

work and the element of danger it surrounded it, everything was done, soon as the executive authorities became better organised, to add materially to the comfort of the men. There is no necessity to refer to the other points in the contemporary's lachrymose eulogistic

It is upon the 'fact' that the strong objection to the men taking part in sanitary work is based. Before proceeding to condemn the military authorities of Hongkong for allowing the soldiers to enter upon what cannot be regarded as a humane duty, it would

have been better to await the receipt of fuller details from Hongkong. As soon as the plague was discovered in Hongkong, it was realised that the Colony was placed in a position of grave danger. It was necessary to take prompt and effectual action.

It was not the Chinese residents alone who were threatened. The traders who form the greatest portion of the purely European community, placed in imminent danger. It was an emergency in which the Civil authorities of the Government of Italy were

ties were justified in appealing to Military authorities for assistance. That assistance had not been granted with a readiness which will make Major-General Barker's name to be remembered with admiration in this country, the mortality, bad as it has been during the past two months, would

been infinitely greater. We feel that when all the facts are known India and in England, praise instead of blame will be accorded Major-General Barker and the commanding officer who allowed detachments of their volunteers for special sanitary duty.

during the period at which the  
 plence was most virulent.

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ORDER OF CHORAL SERVICE AT ST. J.  
 CATHEDRAL.—8TH SUNDAY AFTER TRIN  
 Matins:—Venite, Stainer; Psalms, C

Woodward & Dupuis; 10  
Jubilate, Torle in E flat, No.  
Anthem, "I will call upon the  
Kyrie, Garrett, No. 56; Hymn,  
Offertory, Barnby Nov. 1, 19, and  
Evening:—Psalms, Oakley; Magni-  
& Nunc Dimittis, Parliott  
Anthem, "Jesu, Word of God

UNION CHURCH.—SUNDAY, JULY 1  
Hymns, 12, 155, 375; Psalm, 139  
them, 'O come, let us worship.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, WANC

SUNDAY, JULY 10.  
10.30 p.m.:—Hymns, 611, 548, 675.  
8 p.m.:—Hymns, 150, 162, 114,  
Psalms, LXXVI, LXXVII.

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Do.	Do.	4 P.M.	77
Parent	Do. Maximum ...		80
author	Do. Minimum over night		78



